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History of the Valentine's Day Card Answer Key

Directions: Read the passage. Answer the questions. Use the answers for each

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## History of the Valentine's Day Card 2<sup>nd</sup> Read Questions

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Based on the passage, which is the best reason that Valentine's Day cards began m Name: to be mass produced readymade?

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Which detail from the passage supports this statement?

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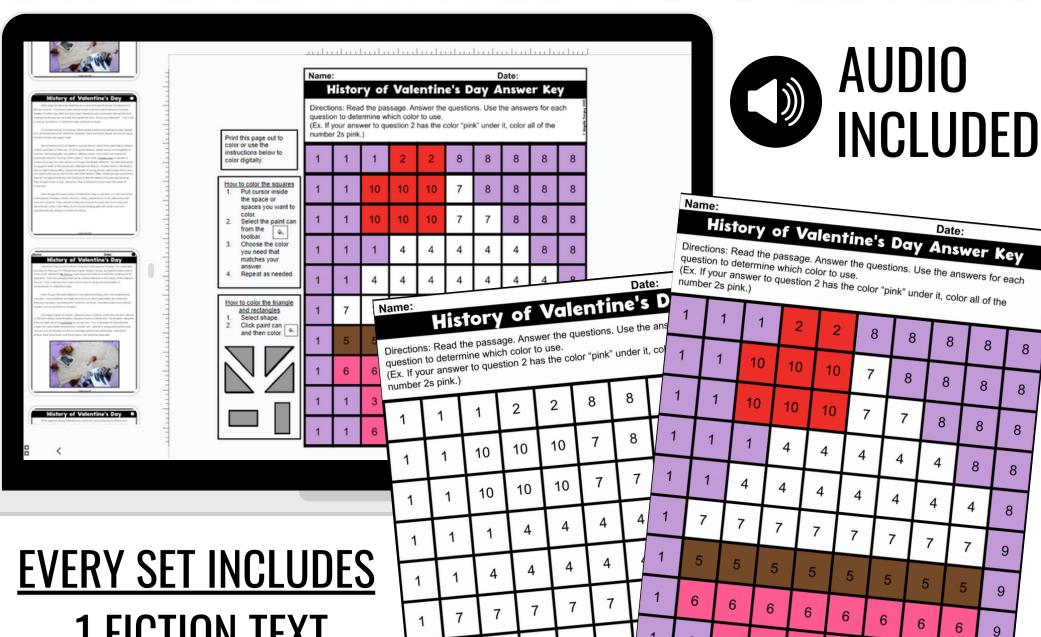
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Which best states the purpose of writing passage?

# DIFFERENTIATED TO 3 LEVELS



1 FICTION TEXT **2 NONFICTION TEXTS** MYSTERY PIC FOR EACH

## Passage 1-fiction

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## The Card

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ully took his time to sign his The Card

"You're so thoughtful. I'm sure she'll love it, honey," Mom said.

"I hope so! It is my best work!" Mason said and smiled.

The next morning, Mason pranced into school as he held Mom's hand. "Can I give her now?" he asked.

"Maybe wait until recess time," said his mom.



Mason's bottom lip stuck out ever so slightly, and he looked up at his Mom with ding eyes. She laughed, "That might have worked when you were in kindergarten,

"It was worth a shot. This growing up thing is so hard sometimes, like trying to to read!" Mason said and playfully swatted her hand.

At recess time, Mason asked to be excused from class, and he snuck down th was time to give her the card. He could hardly contain his excitement as he d the classroom door. His heart started beating faster, his palms got slightly dan

He approached the door and gave it a gentle knock as he peeked in. Through the y, Mason could see her rise from her desk and walk over toward the door. As she the door and smiled, she said. "Hev Mason Living"

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## The Card

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## Prompt The Card Writing

At what point in the story did you realize that the card was for his teacher from last year? What clues helped you figure it out? Be sure to include specific examples from the text

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1st Read Questions

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Key Ideas and Detail Paragraph Key Ideas & Detail

The Card Answer Key

Directions: Read the passage. Answer the questions. Use the answers for each question to determine which color to use.

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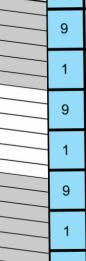
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History of the Valentine's Day Card Writing Prompt Name:

How have Valentine's Day cards changed throughout the years? Provide three specific examples from the text, and explain using text evidence.

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		RED	LIGHT BLUE	PINK		
2	What is the meaning of the word discreetly as used in the passage?	To drop something in an obvious place	To place something down gently	Not likely to be seen or noticed by		

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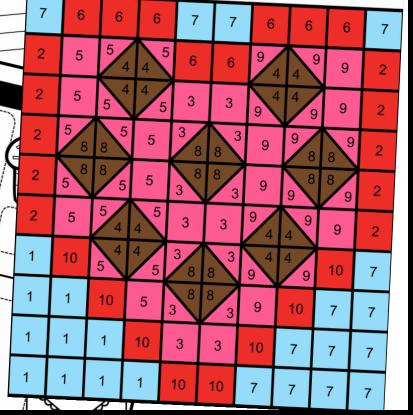
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Some say that the first Valentine's Day greeting was sent by St. Valentine h When he was in a Roman prison, he sent a letter of love to the woman he had aff for. At the end of the letter, he signed, "From your Valentine". This phrase is still r

<u>د Day g</u>reeting was sent by a French: annual feast to cel Name: Date:

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The exact details of how Valentine's Day started are unknown. Many traditions and legends point us to a few possibilities. For centuries, February has been considered the month for romance. This stems both from Catholic tradition and ancient Roman tradition.

One legend goes as follows. Valentine was a Catholic priest who served in Rome. This was during the third century when Emperor Claudius II was on the throne. The emperor declared that marriage would be **outlawed**, or made illegal, for young men. This is because he thought that single men were better soldiers than married men. Valentine knew that this was not right. He secretly carried out marriage ceremonies. Eventually, Valentine's actions were discovered, and the emperor had Valentine Name: executed.

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History of Valentine's Day Writing Prompt There are two stories of two different Valentines and why they were each a possible beginning to Valentine's Day. What do you think their actions have to do with Valentine's Day? Use specific details from the story to support your response.

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1	According to the passage, how many saints in the history of the Catholic Church were named	One	Two	Three		
	Valentine?	WHITE	RED	PURPLE		
2	Based on the passage, which statement is NOT a theory on	One Valentine was in prison and wrote to the woman he	One Valentine signed his card, "From	One Valentine made cards and handed them		
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> What do you think was the author's purpose of writing the

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